

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 164

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Paul Steven Chapman for his meritorious service as Chairman of the Hamblen County Republican Party.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should salute those estimable persons who are deserving of recognition as community leaders and model citizens of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such person who has evinced great pride and accomplishment throughout the great State of Tennessee is Paul Steven Chapman; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Chapman has worked diligently as the Chairman of the Hamblen County Republican Party, a crucial leadership position he has admirably fulfilled since 2011; and

WHEREAS, he began his political involvement in 1986 when he was elected president of the Autism Society of America's East Tennessee Chapter; along with state leaders and other parents of special needs children, Mr. Chapman worked for changes in legislation, education, and the mainstreaming of children and adults with Autism; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Chapman's first official role with the GOP came in 1989 when he was elected Chairman of the Campbell County Republican Party; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, he chaired William Van Hilleary's 1994 campaign and was part of the historic "Republican Revolution"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Chapman worked for Congressman David Davis during the early 2000's, serving first as the Davis Campaign Manager and then as the congressman's District Director; Mr. Davis says Paul, "has a passion for the goals and principles of the Tennessee Republican Party"; and

WHEREAS, from 1988 to 2003, he was an active member of the Tennessee Federation of Young Republicans, serving two terms as the Young Republicans Regional Vice President for East Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his work in politics, Mr. Chapman has worked with Boy Scouts of America, the Ministerial Association Temporary Shelter, Ridin' High equestrian program, and was the President of the Cherokee Lake Users Association; he currently serves on the Morristown Area Chamber of Commerce's legislative committee and is on the board of Serenity House; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Chapman is a faithful member of First Baptist Church in Morristown, the place where he and his family worship; and

WHEREAS, he cherishes the love of his devoted wife, Jawanna; and is the proud parent of two sons, Paul Steven Chapman II and Aaron Joseph Chapman; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Chapman has devoted much of his life to political leadership and continuously strives for and lives by the values that our nation is built on; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people like Paul Steven Chapman who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others and enrich their communities; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we express sincere appreciation to Paul Steven Chapman for his outstanding leadership of the Hamblen County Republican Party, thank him for his commitment to conservative ideals, and give him our best wishes for success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.